



SOUTHMINSTER  
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Southminster C of E Primary School's Newsletter Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Bible Quote of the Week

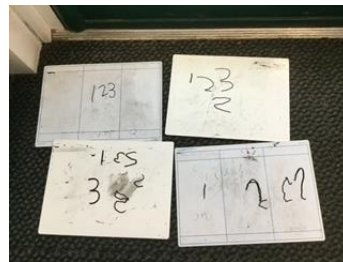
Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'



It has been wonderful to see how well the children have responded to the reward systems for positive behaviours this term and we have enjoyed celebrating these at our Celebration Assemblies on Fridays. I want to say a very well done to all of the children who have been our Stars of the Week so far this half term, who have gone into our draws for regular reading and for being Early Birds and to the children who have joined me for Hot Chocolate Friday. You are all fabulous!

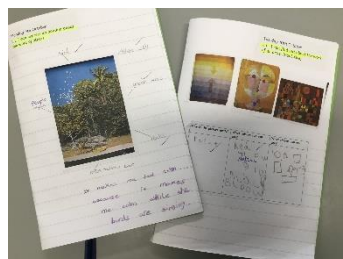
### EYFS

This week, the children have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali after reading the book, 'The Best Diwali Ever' by Sonali Shah. In Maths, we have been exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have worked really hard with our number formation. We celebrated World Mental Health Day by taking a nature walk, collecting autumnal leaves.



### KS1

This week, KS1 has been finding out about the artists Jeannie Baker and Paul Klee. We looked at examples of their work, what we thought of them and what we could see.





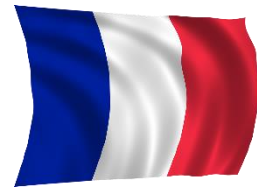
SOUTHMINSTER  
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



## KS2

Year 3 and 4 children used their Science session this week to conduct a fair test. They used an alarm (an old phone) in different containers and tried to predict what was the best soundproofing material. They used a decibel monitor and a variety of materials such as metal, polystyrene, glass, plastic, wood and cushions. The children wrote their predictions and then did the fair test. They had lots of fun and were surprised as most had predicted the metal but the best material turned out to be the cushions.

This week in Year 5 and 6, students have embarked on an exciting French language adventure. They've been immersing themselves in the world of French vocabulary, with a particular focus on learning the names of fruits and mastering the art of asking and answering questions in French. They all embraced the opportunity to expand their language skills.



In addition to their linguistic exploration, these budding writers have been hard at work crafting captivating narratives inspired by the heart-warming story of "Goodnight, Mr. Tom." It's been a week of both linguistic and literary growth for these students, as they continue to thrive in their educational journey.

## Reminders

### Harvest Donations

Please remember that we will be holding our Harvest Assembly at the Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Non-perishable food donations can be sent into school with your child and will be taken to the Church from where they will be delivered to the Dengie Food Pantry.

### Monday Maths Day

Children can come into school on Monday dressed as a rockstar for Times Tables Rock Stars, something linked to maths, or their normal school clothes.

### Considerate Driving

Please be aware of the pedestrians around the school when driving in the village. We have had several reports from parents of near misses with drivers not appearing to notice small children or elderly pedestrians when looking for a place to park. Thank you for your consideration.



SOUTHMINSTER  
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



### **Secondary Schools Applications**

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Woods and all the staff at Southminster C of E Primary School